REMARKS

The use of color photographs is necessary for Figs. 4 and 5 of this application to clearly illustrate the deflection and stresses, and in particular the von Mises stresses, on the actuator for a specific voltage input. Absent the use of color it would be difficult to effectively display this information. The color photographs submitted with this patent application provide an efficient way to provide the necessary information to one of skill in the art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the above amendment does not involve the merits of the case, but is needed to reference the inclusion of color photographs in the application.

The examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment to the application.

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Please incorporate the following amendment in this application:

[0031] The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawings will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee. With this description of the invention, a detailed description follows with reference being made to the accompanying figures of drawings which form part of the specification, in which like parts are designated by the same reference numbers, and of which: